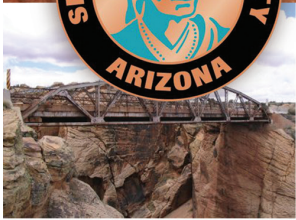




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Porter Mountain Road Multi-Use Path Opens To Students, Pedestrians, Bicyclists

Walking or biking between Highway 260 and Blue Ridge Middle/Junior High School just became a lot safer, thanks to a cooperative effort between Navajo County and the Township of Pinetop-Lakeside. Together, the two agencies built and opened the Porter Mountain Road Multi-Use Path, which connects White Mountain Boulevard and the school.

Supervisor Dawnafe Whitesinger helped make the path a reality – even coming out to the construction site to monitor progress. Supervisor Whitesinger calls the path a much-needed safety feature given the proximity of the school to a well-traveled highway. “I have two young boys who love to ride bikes in our neighborhood, and as a mother I appreciate the added safety that this new path will provide to the students at Blue Ridge Jr.,” said Whitesinger. “For the safety of the kids and the public, we knew this should happen before the new school year.”

The 8-foot-wide path, which opened in late July, was built using more than 500 tons of recycled road millings provided to the County by the Arizona Department of Transportation. Workers from the County’s Public Works Department handled the excavation, grading, filling and sealing. The project was completed on time and within its \$40,000 budget.

“Many people from the Township and the County came together and put in a lot of hours and moved a lot of earth to get this path open on time and affordably,” said Supervisor Whitesinger. “I am very thankful for the partnership demonstrated by Pinetop-, and for the added safety the multi-use path means for our young students who travel along Porter Mountain Road. There have been accidents in that area, and we knew we needed to do something. We had a plan and we got it done. That’s what we can accomplish when we work together.”



Baby Born in Sheriff's Office Substation in Taylor

It goes without saying that first responders never know what a new shift will hold. But earlier this month, Navajo County Sheriff's Deputy Brent Haymore took the meaning of "first response" to a whole new level.

It all started on the morning of Monday, July 8th just before 9 o'clock, when a woman pulled into the Navajo County Sheriff's Office substation in Taylor requesting an ambulance. Corinne Brown of Holbrook had driven herself there because she was having an emergency. The 34-year old was pregnant – four days past her due-date, in fact. That's when Brown met Deputy Haymore, who was on-duty at the substation completing some paperwork.

Realizing Brown might not make it to the hospital, Deputy Haymore called 911 to request an ambulance.

That's when he and Brown settled in to wait a few minutes. The baby, however, had other ideas.

With the ambulance en route, Corinne said her water broke and she began to deliver. Paperwork forgotten, Deputy Haymore called 911 again and NCSO dispatchers assisted him with delivery instructions. Moments later Corinne, with the help of Deputy Haymore, delivered a healthy baby boy.

The paramedic team arrived minutes later. The baby and his mother were taken to Summit Medical Center, and both are reportedly doing fine.

Like we said, it's not every day that "first response" means witnessing a newborn's very first breaths, but the men and women of the NCSO do work hard to be prepared for every situation.

COUNTY-HOPI LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES SUCCESS

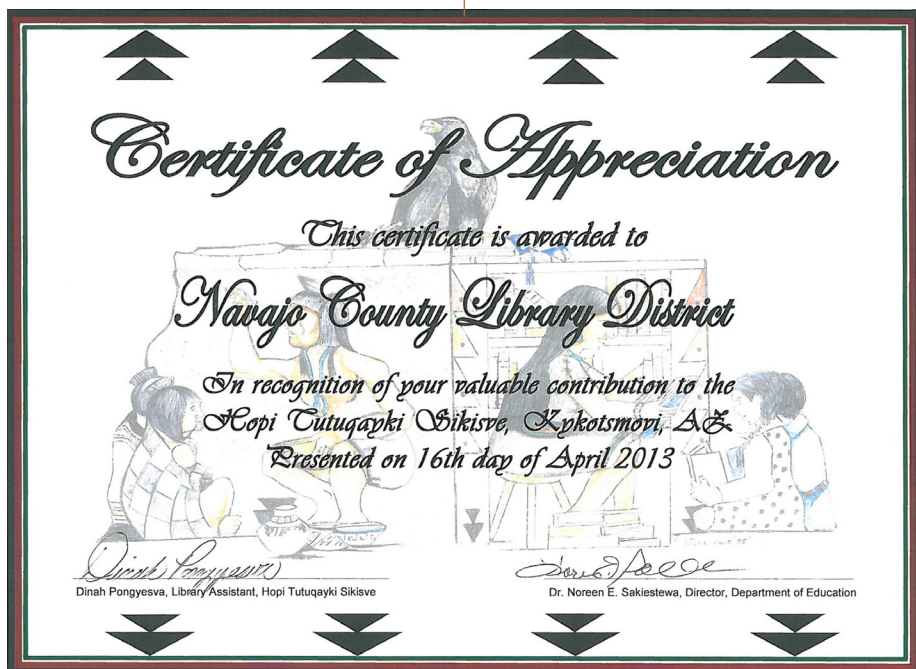
Navajo County is proud of its partnership with the Hopi Tribe as it continues to provide much-needed public library and community services to the Hopi People. The Hopi Tribe, too, is proud of this work, as evidenced by the Certificate of Appreciation they recently awarded the Navajo County Library District.

As the accompanying letter from the Hopi Department of Education and the Tribe's library staff makes clear, the Tribe's Library – "Tutuqayki Sikisve" – would not be possible without the effort of Geneva Durkee, the Navajo County Librarian, and her team. The letter goes on to say that because of Navajo County's hard work and dedication to this endeavor, the library and the mobile computer lab – the "Kuwanomp'tap Sikisve" – continue to flourish.

These services, in place since 2009, have become a valuable resource to people living in remote villages throughout the Hopi service area.

Geneva and her staff, working in tandem with the Navajo County Government and Hopi People, have helped with grant writing – submitting successful and award-winning grants to the Institute of Museum and Library Service and the Arizona State Library. They've supported the Hopi Public Library services monetarily – allowing the mobile library to participate in summer reading programs and the technology expo; in addition to helping fund fuel purchases and maintenance of the book mobile and the Internet satellite system. They also have provided invaluable hands-on training for the Hopi Public Library staff.

National Library Week may have happened earlier this year (April 14th through April 20th) but thanks to the hard work and dedication of so many folks involved, the endeavor to continue public library services to the Hopi People is a reality we can celebrate year-round.



Climb to Conquer Cancer

The Flagstaff **Climb to Conquer Cancer** takes place Saturday, **August 17th** and you can help Navajo County Assessor Team member Christie Heward and her team “The Holbrook Hikers” conquer both the climb and this dreaded disease.

Heward, the team captain, says cancer has hit her, like so many others, very close to home. “Because nearly everyone has been touched by cancer in some way, my team is showing their support by helping raise donations for the cause,” she explained. “Having my dad, who is a two-time cancer survivor, and many friends who have survived or lost, my heart is totally committed to this cause.”

Heward said there are various ways to help: You may make a donation or sign up to walk with the team. The walk begins at 7:00 am and follows Snowbowl Road. The event concludes at noon. Though the event is non-competitive, it’s sure to be a challenge: the elevation at the Hart Prairie Lodge, the finish line, is 9,300 feet.

The American Cancer Society’s Climb to Conquer Cancer is a unique activity held in the organization’s western states. It’s a great opportunity for everyone in a community to participate in the fight against cancer. The Climb is a yearly event in Flagstaff and the walk up to the Arizona Snowbowl is sure to inspire and awe participants.

To help or join the Holbrook Hikers, visit the event web page:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/CommunityFundraisingPages/CFPFY10GreatWest?team_id=1406526&pg=team&fr_id=54524

Navajo County Attorney’s Office Gets \$100,000 In Grants

The Navajo County Attorney’s Office has been awarded two grants to help the office continue to provide quality justice services to residents countywide.

The first, a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant is federally funded and will provide about \$54,000 in resources. This grant will help the County Attorney’s office create an additional part-time victim advocate position. This new advocate will assist crime victims in the southern part of Navajo County – a part of the community previously unable to get such assistance. The grant funding will also allow victims’ advocates to provide more in-depth services with victims through consultations.

To learn more about Navajo County Attorney’s Office Victims Services Division, please visit: <http://www.navajocountyaz.gov/attorney/victims.aspx>

The second grant, worth approximately \$45,000, is part of the National Criminal History Improvement Program, or NCHIP. This program builds an accurate and accessible system of criminal history records.

The Navajo County Sheriff’s Office “Livescan Interface Project” falls under this grant, as part of the Arizona Department of Public Safety’s Automated Fingerprint Identification System.

Currently, three law enforcement agencies use the Navajo County Show Low Jail Annex, which is the largest facility of its kind in the county. More than 1,020 prints are captured manually per year, by way of the “ink and roll” method. Prisoner information is recorded by hand on a document, which is then entered into the Arizona Computerized Criminal History Database. This manual data entry poses multiple risks: if a print is smudged or rendered useless, the offender could be released. This manual process can’t guarantee the quality or accessibility of a criminal’s history record.

There are approximately 3 million fingerprint cards on record. This grant will enable the NCSO to automate the collection of fingerprints, offenders’ information and mug shots; and remotely launch fingerprint searches and mug photo lineup requests against the statewide database.



Navajo County Facebook Page Hits 2000 Likes And Growing

Social media is a great way to learn about what’s happening in the community around – from the fire conditions to weather alerts, government news to volunteer opportunities. Navajo County personnel keep our Facebook page constantly updated to provide readers with the most current information.

This week, the County passed 2,000 “likes” from folks interested in getting news updates and useful information about Navajo County and our team.

If you’re on Facebook, please check out the County’s page and share it with your Facebook network. You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/NavajoCounty>.

